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After Final Rejection AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Examiner Group Art Unit Filing Date Application No. September 16, 2003 B. E. Pellegrino 3738 10/663,488 Docket No. Applicant(s): Joseph P. Errico, Michael W. Dudasik, and Rafail Zubok SPINE 3.0-437 INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE HAVING AN ENGAGEMENT HOLE FOR Invention: MANIPULATION USING A SURGICAL TOOL TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. CLAIMS AS AMENDED Highest Claims Number Remaining Number **Extra Claims** After Previously Amendment Rate Paid Present 0.00 50.00 14 20 0 **Total Claims** Independent 0.00 3 0 200.00 2 X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: Small Entity x | Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. in the amount of Please charge Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. x The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 12-1095 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: April 17, 2007 William A. Di Bianca Attorney Reg. No. 58,653 LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG, KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP 600 South Avenue West Westfield, New Jersey 07090 I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.